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Connecticut ended 1981 with slightly higher employment, a seasonal drop in unemployment and record high personal income and weekly wages, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm wage and salary employment increased (page 2) by 2,700 to 1,435,000 in December, the third highest monthly total for the year. The loss of an estimated 1,500 jobs in metallic manufacturing, largely in machinery and fabricated metals industries, was offset by a seasonal increase of 6,100 in wholesale and retail trade and restaurants, and 500 in the finance and real estate category.

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers reached an all-time high of $331.52 (page 3). This compared with $325.40 in November and $314.71 in December 1980. The workweek was up marginally from November to 41.7 hours and hourly pay rose from $7.86 to $7.95 last month. The year earlier it was $7.44. Straight-time, 40-hour earnings for December were $7.62 an hour or $304.80 weekly, an increase from November's $7.55 and $302 and 7.3 percent above the $7.18 hourly and $287.20 weekly pay of December 1980.

Unemployment: December's statewide unemployment was estimated at 106,600 or 6.6 percent of the labor force, up from 6.3 percent and 101,900 in November and 5.8 and 94,000 in 1980 (page 4). Seasonally adjusted, the unemployment rate declined one-tenth of one percent to 6.7. Both the actual and seasonally adjusted Connecticut rates in December remained well below the respective national figures of 8.3 and 8.9 percent. Unemployment increased in eight labor market areas, dropped in five and remained unchanged in three areas (page 4). Included in the unemployment estimates were those people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired, those entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during temporary seasonal closings.

Other Indicators: Other seasonally adjusted economic indicators (page 7) were mixed in December with lower new filings for benefits and the new hire rate for manufacturing remaining stable. The manufacturing output index dropped for the fourth consecutive month and personal income of state residents increased to a new record high level.

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Attached is a table detailing average weekly earnings of all workers in Connecticut who were covered by state and federal unemployment compensation laws for various 1980 and 1981 calendar quarters.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

	December 1981			% Change Dec. '81 over Nov. '81	% Change Dec. '81 over Dec. '80
	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. (R) 1980		
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,435,000	1,432,300*	1,443,600*	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Manufacturing.....	428,800	430,400	440,800*	- 0.4	- 2.7
Metallic Manufacturing...	310,300	311,800	322,700*	- 0.5	- 3.8
Primary Metals.....	19,900	20,100	20,700*	- 1.0	- 3.9
Fabricated Metals.....	64,000	64,400	65,400	- 0.6	- 2.1
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	57,800	58,500	61,800	- 1.2	- 6.5
Electrical Equipment....	51,800	51,900	50,600	- 0.2	+ 2.4
Transportation Equip....	81,800	81,700	88,800	+ 0.1	- 7.9
Instruments & Clocks....	27,100	27,300	27,000	- 0.7	+ 0.4
Other Metallic Mfg.....	7,900	7,900	8,400	0.0	- 6.0
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	118,500*	118,600	118,100*	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Food.....	12,400	12,300	12,600	+ 0.8	- 1.6
Textiles.....	8,100	8,100	8,000	0.0	+ 1.2
Apparel.....	11,900	11,800	11,100	+ 0.8	+ 7.2
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,400	6,400	6,900	0.0	- 7.2
Paper.....	9,800	9,900	9,600	- 1.0	+ 2.1
Printing & Publishing...	24,600	24,700	24,300	- 0.4	+ 1.2
Chemicals.....	19,100	19,200	18,400	- 0.5	+ 3.8
Rubber & Misc. Plast....	12,700	12,800	14,000*	- 0.8	- 9.3
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	13,500	13,400	13,200	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,006,200	1,001,900*	1,002,800*	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Construction.....	49,800	52,100	49,100	- 4.4	+ 1.4
Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....	31,100	30,900	32,500	+ 0.6	- 4.3
Communications.....	18,400	18,400	18,200	0.0	+ 1.1
Utilities.....	11,200	11,300	10,900	- 0.9	+ 2.8
Trade.....	308,100	302,000	309,700*	+ 2.0	- 0.5
Wholesale.....	75,900	75,400	75,300*	+ 0.7	+ 0.8
Retail.....	165,300	159,900	168,800	+ 3.4	- 2.1
Restaurants.....	66,900	66,700	65,600	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Finance & Real Estate...	48,400	47,900	45,100	+ 1.0	+ 7.3
Insurance.....	62,800	62,500	60,700	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Service.....	299,300	299,400	291,600*	0.0**	+ 2.6
Hotels.....	5,600	5,500	6,000	+ 1.8	- 6.7
Laundries & Pers. Serv.	14,200	14,100	14,100	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Business Services.....	62,300	62,000	57,700	+ 0.5	+ 8.0
Health Services.....	99,700	99,800*	96,100*	- 0.1	+ 3.8
Law & Professional.....	21,000	20,800	20,300	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
Educational Services...	30,100	30,100(R)	30,400	0.0	- 1.0
Other Services.....	66,400	67,100(R)	67,000	- 1.0	- 0.9
Government.....	177,100	177,400	185,000	- 0.2	- 4.3
Federal.....	21,800	21,600	21,800	+ 0.9	0.0
State & Local.....	155,300	155,800	163,200	- 0.3	- 4.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.05 percent
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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$331.52	$325.40	$314.71	41.7	41.4	42.3	$7.95	$7.86	$7.44
Metallic Manufacturing.....	345.62	338.16	327.08	42.2	41.8	42.7	8.19	8.09	7.66
Primary Metals.....	373.25	373.68	354.53	43.3	43.1	43.5	8.62	8.67	8.15
Fabricated Metals.....	306.39	304.72	292.50	41.8	41.8	42.7	7.33	7.29	6.85
Machinery.....	374.09	369.80	356.53	43.6	42.9	43.8	8.58	8.62	8.14
Electrical Equipment.....	272.28	271.32	250.10	40.7	40.8	40.8	6.69	6.65	6.13
Transportation Equipment...	418.67	397.55	394.62	41.7	40.9	42.8	10.04	9.72	9.22
Instruments & Clocks.....	324.25	315.49	299.78	43.7	43.1	43.7	7.42	7.32	6.86
Other Metallic Mfg.....	289.68	279.89	264.55	42.6	41.9	41.4	6.80	6.68	6.39
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	294.52	289.52	280.44	40.4	40.1	41.0	7.29	7.22	6.84
Food.....	308.10	301.25	301.70	41.3	40.6	41.5	7.46	7.42	7.27
Textiles.....	237.55	235.98	230.83	39.2	39.2	41.0	6.06	6.02	5.63
Apparel.....	183.02	186.32	170.64	35.4	35.9	36.0	5.17	5.19	4.74
Lumber & Furniture.....	240.60	239.00	227.93	40.1	39.9	40.2	6.00	5.99	5.67
Paper.....	377.92	366.57	361.37	46.2	45.2	47.3	8.18	8.11	7.64
Printing & Publishing.....	303.62	292.56	281.94	38.0	36.8	38.1	7.99	7.95	7.40
Chemicals.....	375.11	363.96	346.46	42.1	41.5	42.2	8.91	8.77	8.21
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	277.98	276.34	283.56	40.7	41.0	41.7	6.83	6.74	6.80
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	315.00	315.14	292.72	42.0	42.3	42.3	7.50	7.45	6.92
Construction.....	472.63	463.51	465.70	37.6	37.2	39.3	12.57	12.46	11.85

U N E M P L O Y M E N T I N C O N N E C T I C U T B Y A R E A

	Dec. 1981 Number	Dec. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	Nov. 1981 Number	Nov. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	Dec.1980 (R) Number	Dec.1980 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	106,600	6.6	101,900	6.3	94,000	5.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.7)		(6.8)		(6.0)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,300	7.6	1,300	8.1	1,600	9.4
Bridgeport.....	13,000	6.5	12,200	6.2	11,000	5.5
Bristol.....	3,800	10.2	3,400	9.4	3,300	8.9
Danbury.....	5,600	6.0	5,300	5.7	4,700	5.2
Danielson.....	2,900	10.3	3,100	10.6	2,900	10.1
Hartford.....	24,800	6.3	23,400	6.0	21,300	5.4
Meriden.....	2,700	9.9	2,800	10.3	2,200	8.2
Middletown.....	3,600	6.0	3,600	6.0	3,000	4.9
New Britain.....	6,700	8.4	5,700	7.2	4,400	5.6
New Haven.....	13,200	6.4	13,400	6.6	13,000	6.2
New London-Norwich.....	6,300	5.8	6,500	6.2	5,900	5.5
Norwalk.....	3,600	4.6	3,700	4.9	3,500	4.5
Stamford.....	4,900	4.0	4,700	3.9	4,900	4.0
Torrington.....	4,300	10.4	3,300	8.1	3,200	7.7
Waterbury.....	8,600	7.8	8,200	7.6	8,000	7.3
Willimantic.....	1,300	5.0	1,300	5.1	1,100	4.3
U.S. Total-Actual.....	8,807,000	8.3	8,470,000	7.9	7,233,000	6.9
Seasonally Adjusted		(8.9)		(8.4)		(7.2)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Dec. '81	Nov. '81	Dec. '80
All Items.....	281.5	280.7	258.4
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 8.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Dec.'81	Nov.'81	Dec.'80(R)	Percent Change to December 1981 from: Nov.'81	Dec.'80
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,510	8,520	8,710	- 0.1	- 2.3
Manufacturing	3,000	3,050	3,190	- 1.6	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	5,510	5,470	5,520	+ 0.7	- 0.2
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	175,390	174,760	174,910	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	66,720	66,730	65,180	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	108,670	108,030	109,730	+ 0.6	- 1.0
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,480	23,640	23,760	- 0.7	- 1.2
Manufacturing	9,580	9,850	10,330	- 2.7	- 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	13,900	13,790	13,430	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	66,900	66,760	65,900	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	21,600	21,640	21,840	- 0.2	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	45,300	45,120	44,060	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,650	19,990	19,910	- 1.7	- 1.3
Manufacturing	8,910	9,070	9,060	- 1.8	- 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	10,740	10,920	10,850	- 1.6	- 1.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	404,090	403,260	406,750*	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Manufacturing	94,350	94,650	99,410	- 0.3	- 5.1
Nonmanufacturing	309,740	308,610	307,340*	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,130	21,770*	21,690*	+ 1.7	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	5,740	5,810	5,830*	- 1.2	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	16,390	15,960*	15,860	+ 2.7	+ 3.3
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	46,970	46,670	47,820*	+ 0.6	- 1.8
Manufacturing	15,170	15,050	16,180	+ 0.8	- 6.2
Nonmanufacturing	31,800	31,620	31,640*	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	66,410	66,560	66,120*	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Manufacturing	29,070	29,330	30,020*	- 0.9	- 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	37,340	37,230	36,100	+ 0.3	+ 3.4
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	195,050*	194,220*	196,260	+ 0.4	- 0.6
Manufacturing	38,700*	38,800*	42,130	- 0.3	- 8.1
Nonmanufacturing	156,350	155,420	154,130	+ 0.6	+ 1.4
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	94,810*	93,890*	93,580*	+ 1.0	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	34,780	34,640	35,690	+ 0.4	- 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	60,030*	59,250*	57,890*	+ 1.3	+ 3.7
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,470	64,210	63,530	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	21,540	21,620	21,050	- 0.4	+ 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	42,930	42,590	42,480	+ 0.8	+ 1.1

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Dec.'81	Nov.'81	Dec.'80(R)	Percent Change to December 1981 from: Nov.'81	Dec.'80
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	112,820	111,850	110,850	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	31,160	31,110	31,740	+ 0.2	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	81,660	80,740	79,110	+ 1.1	+ 3.2
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	29,100	29,080	29,710	+ 0.1	- 2.1
Manufacturing	10,340	10,380	10,440	- 0.4	- 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	18,760	18,700	19,270	+ 0.3	- 2.6
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	89,430	89,480	88,290*	- 0.1	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	32,910	33,180	32,920	- 0.8	- 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	56,520	56,300	55,370*	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,250	20,360	20,280	- 0.5	- 0.1
Manufacturing	2,930	2,970	2,910	- 1.3	+ 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	17,320	17,390	17,370	- 0.4	- 0.3

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - DECEMBER 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980
Ansonia	$386.30	381.45	339.04	44.3	44.2	41.6	$8.72	$8.63	$8.15
Bridgeport	342.98	344.16	330.81	42.5	42.7	43.3	8.07	8.06	7.64
Bristol	348.49	352.74	342.31	39.2	39.5	40.8	8.89	8.93	8.39
Danbury	319.12	315.19	308.48	43.3	43.0	45.1	7.37	7.33	6.84
Danielson	254.82	252.59	240.41	37.2	37.2	37.8	6.85	6.79	6.36
Hartford	352.80	342.37	343.57	41.9	41.2	43.0	8.42	8.31	7.99
Meriden	314.92	303.58	270.52	43.8	43.0	41.3	7.19	7.06	6.55
Middletown	353.22	337.79	333.48	42.0	40.6	42.0	8.41	8.32	7.94
New Britain	331.23	331.06	324.94	41.3	41.8	42.2	8.02	7.92	7.70
New Haven	308.43	304.50	297.23	39.9	39.7	42.1	7.73	7.67	7.06
New London-Norwich	341.55	332.11	308.39	41.4	40.6	40.9	8.25	8.18	7.54
Norwalk	333.75	333.76	317.44	44.5	44.8	44.9	7.50	7.45	7.07
Stamford	304.47	299.88	287.99	41.2	40.8	41.2	7.39	7.35	6.99
Torrington	248.24	241.40	234.43	41.1	40.3	40.7	6.04	5.99	5.76
Waterbury	271.17	268.21	269.44	41.4	41.2	42.7	6.55	6.51	6.31
Willimantic	252.34	263.92	262.47	40.7	42.5	43.6	6.20	6.21	6.02

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980								
Jan....	1409.8	1427.6	2.0	2.1	7301	5213	6.1	5.5
Feb....	1405.9	1429.8	1.9	2.2	4513	4843	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1418.1	1436.3	2.1	2.1	3752	4641	5.6	5.2
Apr....	1427.6	1425.5	1.7	1.9	5179	5708	5.5	5.5
May....	1435.9	1424.8	1.9	1.8	4807	6444	5.6	5.8
Jun....	1441.8	1416.5	2.1	1.6	6289	7154	6.4	6.3
Jul....	1415.6	1424.9	1.1	1.2	9917	6382	6.8	6.5
Aug....	1406.0	1420.6	1.5	1.3	6643	6956	6.4	6.4
Sep....	1422.1	1417.6	1.8	1.4	4175	6639	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1428.9	1421.7	1.6	1.5	4256	6129	5.5	6.1
Nov....	1436.8	1424.1	1.4	1.6	4464	5739	5.5	6.0
Dec....	1443.6	1426.0	1.0	1.5	9094	5285	5.8	6.0
1981								
Jan....	1421.5	1438.8	1.4	1.5	7433	5305	7.1	5.9
Feb....	1420.6	1445.2	1.4	1.6	4533	4864	6.8	5.9
Mar....	1428.6	1447.4	1.5	1.5	4055	5019	6.2	6.0
Apr....	1432.6	1429.7	1.4	1.6	4644	5120	5.8	6.0
May....	1441.4	1430.0	1.7	1.5	3941	5282	5.3	5.8
Jun....	1450.6	1425.0	2.2	1.8	5786	6582	6.0	5.9
Jul....	1427.9	1436.5	1.4	1.5	8374	5389	6.3	6.1
Aug....	1419.3	1433.6	1.9	1.6	5877	6154	6.3	6.5
Sep....	1432.3	1428.0	1.8	1.5	3896	6194	6.0	6.7
Oct....	1431.9	1424.8	1.3	1.2	4729	6814	6.1	6.7
Nov....	1432.3	1419.5	1.0	1.1	5751	7392	6.3	6.8
Dec....	1435.0	1418.0	0.7(P)	1.1(P)	10279	5973	6.6	6.7

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10175	42.6	42.4	121.1	116.6
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10125	42.2	42.3	120.6	116.8
Mar....	2706.0	13194	11325	42.2	42.1	121.9	116.9
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10155	41.9	42.2	121.2	118.1
May....	2696.9	9875	8903	41.8	42.0	120.0	116.8
Jun....	2704.1	9868	8274	41.6	41.7	118.8	114.5
Jul....	2747.7	9564	8646	41.3	41.6	100.5	113.1
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8937	41.3	41.8	100.4	113.4
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12069	41.3	41.4	116.2	114.2
Oct....	2799.0	13032	12248	41.5	41.4	117.4	114.9
Nov....	2810.3	8060	10056	42.0	41.6	120.2	116.1
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11423	42.3	41.6	110.3	116.9
1981							
Jan....	2888.1	9052	10275	42.1	41.9	119.7	115.2
Feb....	2900.4	7491	9180	41.8	41.9	117.1	113.4
Mar....	2917.3	11387	9774	41.8	41.7	120.3	115.5
Apr....	2890.5	12979	13271	41.5	41.8	119.3	116.2
May....	2906.6	9161	8328	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	2923.3	9387	7868	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.0
Jul....	2943.5	9219	8335	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.1
Aug....	2966.9	9888	8908	41.3	41.8	104.7	118.3
Sep....	2977.0	8120	10025	41.0	41.1	119.3	117.2
Oct....	2987.1	8742	8216	41.3	41.2	119.2	116.6
Nov....	3007.3	8694	10854	41.4	40.9	118.8	114.8
Dec....	3024.8	8501	8846	41.7	41.0	107.0	113.3

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS
COVERED UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
(Including All Workers: Executive, Clerical, Supervisory, Sales etc.)

1ST QUARTER 1981, 4TH QUARTER 1980, 3RD QUARTER 1980, 2ND QUARTER 1980

I N D U S T R Y	1st Qtr. 1981	4th Qtr. 1980	3rd Qtr. 1980	2nd Qtr. 1980
Total.....	$306.45	$309.23	$280.81	$280.36
Total Manufacturing.....	383.49	386.75	349.90	347.99
Total Nonmanufacturing.....	270.97	274.77	250.38	249.63
Construction.....	393.51	396.65	356.12	345.29
Transportation.....	312.27	325.73	307.46	287.35
Communication & Utilities.....	419.50	461.03	406.83	396.87
Trade.....	225.87	230.03	212.42	207.78
Wholesale.....	400.54	413.03	370.57	365.43
Retail.....	188.07	196.17	186.03	181.83
Restaurants.....	106.52	107.49	102.02	99.28
Finance & Real Estate.....	309.02	304.09	276.64	257.87
Insurance.....	375.31	347.41	333.40	327.75
Service.....	241.74	247.71	228.65	225.27
Hotels.....	141.69	153.49	138.59	142.11
Laundries & Personel Services.	154.82	164.77	151.51	152.41
Business Services.....	262.16	273.81	240.95	238.52
Auto Repair, Service & Garages	229.35	245.84	227.71	218.99
Health Services.....	253.68	256.41	247.14	241.70
Educational Services.....	239.34	248.50	251.47	229.58
Government.....	285.09	288.32	255.44	275.68

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CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT
JOB SERVICE
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HARTFORD 06115
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February 1982

Employment in Connecticut declined in January primarily because of seasonal cutbacks in construction, trade and transportation and the unemployment rate also increased, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Both indicators, however, showed slight improvement from December when seasonally adjusted.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment in nonfarm categories dropped by two percent from 1,447,100 in December to 1,417,700 which was about 700 below January of 1981 (page 2). Seasonal cutbacks in construction (15.3 percent) and post-holiday reductions in retail trade (4.7 percent), hotels and restaurants accounted for most of the monthly decrease. Each of the labor market areas recorded lower monthly employment (pages 5 & 6).

Average hourly earnings of production workers increased by five cents to a record high of $8 an hour, up 52-cents from $7.48 paid in January last year (page 3). A seasonal reduction in the workweek from 41.7 in December to 40.9 hours accounted for a $4.32 drop in average weekly earnings to $327.20. Highest weekly wages were earned in the Ansonia, Hartford, Bristol and Middletown areas (page 6). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour workweek basis, statewide hourly wages rose 11-cents to $7.73 in January or $309.20 per week, 8.1 percent higher than $7.15 an hour and $286 weekly a year ago.

Unemployment: Seasonal factory closings and post-holiday layoffs in non-manufacturing contributed to January's higher unemployment of 123,900 or 7.7 percent rate which compared with a revised December figure of 102,600 or 6.4 percent (page 4). However, the state's seasonally adjusted January rate of 6.5 percent remained well below the national estimate of 8.5 percent. Bristol had the highest rate, followed by Ansonia, Danielson, Torrington and Meriden and the lowest unemployment rates were in Stamford, Willimantic and Norwalk. The unemployment estimate includes people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired, those entering or re-entering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during temporary closings.

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted economic indicators (page 7) were mixed in January with employment edging upward, unemployment declining by one-tenth of one percent, manufacturing output down less than half of a percent and fewer new car registrations.

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Note: The series on personal income of state residents is being revised and will be resumed with February data. The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics has discontinued funding for measuring the new hire rate in manufacturing - an indicator eliminated with this report.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

January 1982

	Jan. 1982	Dec. (R) 1981	Jan. (R) 1981	% Change Jan. '82 over Dec. '81	% Change Jan. '82 over Jan. '81
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,417,700*	1,447,100*	1,418,400*	- 2.0	0.0**
Manufacturing.....	429,600*	430,900*	442,000*	- 0.3	- 2.8
Metallic Manufacturing...	312,200*	312,700*	325,200*	- 0.2	- 4.0
Primary Metals.....	18,800*	18,900*	19,500*	- 0.5	- 3.6
Fabricated Metals.....	64,400	65,100	65,000*	- 1.1	- 0.9
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	55,000	55,400	59,600*	- 0.7	- 7.7
Electrical Equipment....	51,900	51,400	51,300	+ 1.0	+ 1.2
Transportation Equip....	86,000	85,300	92,100*	+ 0.8	- 6.6
Instruments & Clocks....	28,800	29,200	29,800	- 1.4	- 3.4
Other Metallic Mfg.....	7,300	7,400	7,900	- 1.4	- 7.6
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	117,400	118,200	116,800*	- 0.7	+ 0.5
Food.....	12,400	12,400	13,000	0.0	- 4.6
Textiles.....	8,000	8,100	7,800	- 1.2	+ 2.6
Apparel.....	11,400	11,700	10,300	- 2.6	+ 10.7
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,200	6,200	6,600	0.0	- 6.1
Paper.....	10,000	10,000	10,100	0.0	- 1.0
Printing & Publishing...	25,500	25,600	24,600*	- 0.4	+ 3.7
Chemicals.....	19,400	19,400	19,200*	0.0	+ 1.0
Rubber & Misc. Plast....	11,900	11,800	12,800	+ 0.8	- 7.0
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	12,600	13,000	12,400*	- 3.1	+ 1.6
Nonmanufacturing.....	988,100*	1,016,200*	976,400*	- 2.8	+ 1.2
Construction.....	44,300*	52,300*	42,900	- 15.3	+ 3.3
Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....	30,700	32,000	31,700	- 4.1	- 3.2
Communications.....	18,200	18,200	18,000	0.0	+ 1.1
Utilities.....	11,400	11,600	11,000	- 1.7	+ 3.6
Trade.....	301,100	312,800	297,300	- 3.7	+ 1.3
Wholesale.....	77,900	78,700	75,400	- 1.0	+ 3.3
Retail.....	160,400	168,300	158,100	- 4.7	+ 1.5
Restaurants.....	62,800	65,800	63,800	- 4.6	- 1.6
Finance & Real Estate...	50,200	50,300	46,800	- 0.2	+ 7.3
Insurance.....	63,300	63,000	61,100	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Service.....	287,300	292,200	281,600*	- 1.7	+ 2.0
Hotels.....	5,500	6,000	5,600	- 8.3	- 1.8
Laundries & Pers. Serv.	14,000	14,200	13,900	- 1.4	+ 0.7
Business Services.....	58,700	59,900	57,400	- 2.0	+ 2.3
Health Services.....	100,800	100,300	96,200*	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
Law & Professional.....	20,800	20,800	19,900	0.0	+ 4.5
Educational Services...	26,000	27,200	27,400	- 4.4	- 5.1
Other Services.....	61,500	63,800	61,200	- 3.6	+ 0.5
Government.....	181,600	183,800	186,000	- 1.2	- 2.4
Federal.....	21,300	21,500	21,300	- 0.9	0.0
State & Local.....	160,300	162,300	164,700	- 1.2	- 2.7

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.05 percent.
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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$327.20	$331.52	$314.91	40.9	41.7	42.1	$8.00	$7.95	$7.48
Metallic Manufacturing.....	339.07	345.62	326.82	41.3	42.2	42.5	8.21	8.19	7.69
Primary Metals.....	364.20	373.25	358.00	42.3	43.3	43.5	8.61	8.62	8.23
Fabricated Metals.....	301.35	306.39	293.83	41.0	41.8	42.4	7.35	7.33	6.93
Machinery.....	368.94	374.09	359.10	42.8	43.6	43.9	8.62	8.58	8.18
Electrical Equipment.....	268.53	272.28	256.68	39.9	40.7	41.2	6.73	6.69	6.23
Transportation Equipment...	408.95	418.67	379.26	41.1	41.7	42.0	9.95	10.04	9.03
Instruments & Clocks.....	315.56	324.25	301.78	42.3	43.7	43.8	7.46	7.42	6.89
Other Metallic Mfg.....	275.13	289.68	264.86	40.7	42.6	41.0	6.76	6.80	6.46
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	296.06	294.52	280.70	39.9	40.4	40.8	7.42	7.29	6.88
Food.....	315.47	308.10	303.16	41.4	41.3	41.7	7.62	7.46	7.27
Textiles.....	231.80	237.55	221.84	38.0	39.2	39.9	6.10	6.06	5.56
Apparel.....	180.73	183.02	170.88	34.1	35.4	35.6	5.30	5.17	4.80
Lumber & Furniture.....	238.16	240.60	226.29	39.3	40.1	39.7	6.06	6.00	5.70
Paper.....	372.00	377.92	352.12	45.7	46.2	46.7	8.14	8.18	7.54
Printing & Publishing.....	305.94	303.62	279.37	38.1	38.0	37.6	8.03	7.99	7.43
Chemicals.....	385.81	375.11	351.95	41.8	42.1	42.2	9.23	8.91	8.34
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	274.91	277.98	287.85	39.9	40.7	41.9	6.89	6.83	6.87
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	313.40	315.00	294.10	41.4	42.0	42.5	7.57	7.50	6.92
Construction.....	459.91	472.63	487.15	36.1	37.6	39.8	12.74	12.57	12.24

U N E M P L O Y M E N T I N C O N N E C T I C U T B Y A R E A

	Jan. 1982 Number	Jan. 1982 Ratio to Labor Force	Dec. 1981 (R) Number	Dec. 1981 (R) Ratio to Labor Force	Jan. 1981 (R) Number	Jan. 1981 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	123,900	7.7	102,600	6.4	106,600	o.7
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(6.5)		(6.6)		(6.1)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	2,100	13.0	1,200	7.5	1,700	10.2
Bridgeport.....	16,300	8.3	12,500	6.4	13,400	7.0
Bristol.....	4,700	13.1	3,400	9.4	3,500	9.5
Danbury.....	6,200	6.4	5,500	5.8	6,100	6.5
Danielson.....	3,700	13.0	2,800	10.3	2,800	10.0
Hartford.....	28,100	7.2	24,000	6.2	22,800	6.0
Meriden.....	3,200	11.7	2,600	9.7	2,600	9.7
Middletown.....	4,200	7.2	3,500	6.0	3,500	5.9
New Britain.....	7,100	9.5	6,500	8.5	5,500	7.3
New Haven.....	15,400	7.7	12,700	6.4	14,200	7.2
New London-Norwich.....	7,100	6.6	6,100	5.6	6,600	6.3
Norwalk.....	4,300	5.6	3,400	4.5	3,600	4.9
Stamford.....	5,200	4.3	4,700	3.8	5,300	4.4
Torrington.....	4,800	11.8	4,200	10.1	3,900	9.5
Waterbury.....	10,200	9.4	8,200	7.7	9,900	9.2
Willimantic.....	1,300	5.4	1,300	4.8	1,200	5.1
U.S. Total-Actual.....	10,183,000	9.4	9,013,000	8.3	8,746,000	8.2
Seasonally Adjusted		(8.5)		(8.8)		(7.4)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Jan. '82	Dec. '81	Jan. '81
All Items.....	282.5	281.5	260.5
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.4	+ 8.4

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Jan.'82	Dec.'81(R)	Jan.'81(R)	Percent Change to January'82 from: Dec.'81	Jan.'81
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,050	8,500	8,290	- 5.3	- 2.9
Manufacturing	2,950	2,970	3,190	- 0.7	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	5,100	5,530	5,100	- 7.8	0.0
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	167,420	173,140	166,370	+ 3.3	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	64,850	65,050	64,080	- 0.3	+ 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	102,570	108,090	102,290	- 5.1	+ 0.3
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,540	23,230	23,510	- 3.0	- 4.1
Manufacturing	9,270	9,500	10,430	- 2.4	- 11.1
Nonmanufacturing	13,270	13,730	13,080	- 3.4	+ 1.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	68,260	70,240	67,000	- 2.8	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	25,320	25,470	25,860	- 0.6	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	42,940	44,770	41,140	- 4.1	+ 4.4
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,130	19,140	19,360	- 0.1	- 1.2
Manufacturing	8,800	8,720	9,150	+ 0.9	- 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	10,330	10,420	10,210	- 0.9	+ 1.2
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	394,430	403,430	393,540	- 2.2	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	93,620	93,710	99,700	- 0.1	- 6.1
Nonmanufacturing	300,810	309,720	293,840	- 2.9	+ 2.4
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,430	22,050	21,660*	- 2.8	- 1.1
Manufacturing	5,420	5,500	5,790*	- 1.5	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	16,010	16,550	15,870	- 3.3	+ 0.9
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,160	46,090	45,480	- 4.2	- 2.9
Manufacturing	15,400	15,420	16,820	- 0.1	- 8.4
Nonmanufacturing	28,760	30,670	28,660	- 6.2	+ 0.3
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	61,800	63,510	62,930*	- 2.7	- 1.8
Manufacturing	28,430	28,450	29,870*	- 0.1	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	33,370	35,060	33,060	- 4.8	+ 0.9
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	186,510*	192,180*	187,110	- 3.0	- 0.3
Manufacturing	40,730*	41,180*	43,340	- 1.1	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	145,780	151,000	143,770	- 3.5	+ 1.4
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	94,070*	96,590*	92,590	- 2.6	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	35,220	34,840	35,810	+ 1.1	- 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	58,850*	61,750*	56,780	- 4.7	+ 3.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	63,620	64,790	61,630	- 1.8	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	21,080	21,150	20,660	- 0.3	+ 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	42,540	43,640	40,970	- 2.5	+ 3.8

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Jan.'82	Dec.'81(R)	Jan.'81(R)	Percent Change to January'82 from: Dec.'81	Jan.'81
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	111,900	114,280	110,290	- 2.1	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	32,120	32,150	32,400	- 0.1	- 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	79,780	82,130	77,890	- 2.9	+ 2.4
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	27,900	29,300	28,500	- 4.8	- 2.1
Manufacturing	10,190	10,420	10,840	- 2.2	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	17,710	18,880	17,660	- 6.2	+ 0.3
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,510	88,580	86,240	- 1.2	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	32,000	31,950	31,920	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	55,510	56,630	54,320	- 2.0	+ 2.2
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,260	20,990	19,130	- 8.2	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	2,850	2,840	2,750	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	16,410	18,150	16,380	- 9.6	+ 0.2

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - JANUARY 1982

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981	Jan. 1982	Dec. 1981	Jan. 1981
Ansonia	$378.45	$386.30	$330.46	43.6	44.3	40.3	$8.68	$8.72	$8.20
Bridgeport	333.72	342.98	327.17	41.2	42.5	42.6	8.10	8.07	7.68
Bristol	345.15	348.49	337.05	39.0	39.2	39.7	8.85	8.89	8.49
Danbury	315.13	319.12	308.25	42.7	43.3	45.0	7.38	7.37	6.85
Danielson	244.19	254.82	245.50	35.7	37.2	38.3	6.84	6.85	6.41
Hartford	347.32	352.80	338.44	41.2	41.9	42.2	8.43	8.42	8.02
Meriden	294.89	314.92	262.94	40.9	43.8	39.9	7.21	7.19	6.59
Middletown	344.32	353.22	323.46	40.7	42.0	41.1	8.46	8.41	7.87
New Britain	328.85	331.23	328.02	40.8	41.3	42.6	8.06	8.02	7.70
New Haven	298.76	308.43	285.20	38.5	39.9	40.0	7.76	7.73	7.13
New London-Norwich	342.36	341.55	322.83	41.1	41.4	42.2	8.33	8.25	7.65
Norwalk	335.66	333.75	322.11	44.4	44.5	44.8	7.56	7.50	7.19
Stamford	300.03	304.47	285.89	40.6	41.2	40.9	7.39	7.39	6.99
Torrington	241.00	248.24	232.03	39.9	41.1	39.8	6.04	6.04	5.83
Waterbury	263.87	271.17	270.30	39.8	41.4	42.3	6.63	6.55	6.39
Willimantic	246.41	252.34	265.70	39.3	40.7	43.7	6.27	6.20	6.08

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981								
Jan....	1418.4	1433.2	1.4	1.5	7433	5402	6.7	6.1
Feb....	1414.7	1435.5	1.4	1.6	4533	5168	6.7	6.1
Mar....	1422.9	1436.0	1.5	1.5	4055	5344	6.3	6.0
Apr....	1435.5	1434.5	1.4	1.5	4644	5210	6.1	6.1
May....	1448.7	1437.7	1.7	1.6	3941	5355	5.7	6.0
Jun....	1457.8	1437.9	2.2	1.7	5786	6065	6.1	6.0
Jul....	1432.7	1443.7	1.4	1.6	8374	5379	6.4	6.0
Aug....	1426.4	1441.8	1.9	1.7	5877	5830	6.2	6.1
Sep....	1441.3	1438.0	1.8	1.5	3896	6174	5.6	6.2
Oct....	1441.9	1435.3	1.3	1.2	4729	6564	5.8	6.4
Nov....	1446.0	1433.8	1.0	1.1	5751	7042	6.0	6.5
Dec....	1447.1	1428.8	0.6(R)	0.9(R)	10279	6196	6.4	6.6
1982								
Jan....	1417.7	1432.0	Series Discontinued		8581	6236	7.7	6.5
Feb....								
Mar....								
Apr....								
May....								
Jun....								
Jul....								
Aug....								
Sep....								
Oct....								
Nov....								
Dec....								

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981							
Jan....		9052	10565	42.1	41.8	119.7	115.1
Feb....		7491	9347	41.8	41.9	119.4	115.4
Mar....		11387	9435	41.8	41.8	120.3	115.2
Apr....	Series	12979	12049	41.5	41.7	119.3	115.7
May....		9161	8845	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....		9387	8104	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.4
Jul....	Under	9219	9015	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.4
Aug....		9888	9130	41.3	41.7	104.7	118.7
Sep....		8120	9430	41.0	41.2	119.3	117.6
Oct....	Revision	8742	8419	41.3	41.3	119.0	116.6
Nov....		8694	10297	41.4	41.0	118.8	114.5
Dec....		8501	8415	41.7	41.0	107.0	112.9
1982							
Jan....		6380	7359	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....							
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
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March 1982

Employment in Connecticut during February declined, seasonally adjusted unemployment was up slightly and hourly earnings of factory workers increased to a record high, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment dropped by 8,100 to 1,409,600 last month (page 2). The transportation equipment industry recorded substantial layoffs due to reduced orders for new aircraft and spare parts. Seasonal cutbacks were largely responsible for fewer jobs in the trade and construction industries but both categories were up from 1981 employment levels.

The average hourly earnings of factory production workers rose three-cents from January to a new record of $8.03, up from $7.51 a year ago (page 3). Weekly wages averaged $327.62 in February, 42-cents higher than a month earlier and $13.70 above 1981. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour basis, February hourly earnings were $7.77 and $310.80 a week compared with $7.73 and $309.20 in January. Weekly wages in the Ansonia labor market area were highest at $379.31, followed by Bristol, $347.88; Middletown, $342.26; Hartford, $342.10 and Bridgeport, $340.67 (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment moved from January's 124,200 (7.7 percent) to 122,000 (7.6 percent) in February when the seasonally adjusted rate went up from 6.5 to 6.8 percent (page 4) because of higher claims for unemployment benefits prompted by temporary closings. Both rates once again remained substantially under the national rates of 9.6 and 8.8 percent, seasonally adjusted. Monthly unemployment increases were reported in seven labor market areas, six had decreases and three were unchanged (page 4). Included in the unemployment estimates were people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired, those entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during temporary closings.

Other Indicators: In addition to the one-tenth of a percent drop in unemployment and lower employment, there were fewer first-time claims for unemployment benefits (page 7). Other economic indicators were down from January.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

February 1982

	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. (R) 1981	% Change Feb. '82 over Jan. '82	% Change Feb. '82 over Feb. '81
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,409,600*	1,417,700	1,414,700*	- 0.6	- 0.4
Manufacturing.....	423,800*	429,600	441,000*	- 1.4	- 3.9
Metallic Manufacturing...	307,200*	312,200	324,400*	- 1.6	- 5.3
Primary Metals.....	18,800	18,800	19,600*	0.0	- 4.1
Fabricated Metals.....	63,400	64,400	65,000	- 1.6	- 2.5
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	54,300	55,000	59,600	- 1.3	- 8.9
Electrical Equipment....	50,900	51,900	51,200	- 1.9	- 0.6
Transportation Equip....	84,100*	86,000	91,400	- 2.2	- 8.0
Instruments & Clocks....	28,300	28,800	29,800	- 1.7	- 5.0
Other Metallic Mfg.....	7,400	7,300	7,800	+ 1.4	- 5.1
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	116,600	117,400	116,600*	- 0.7	0.0
Food.....	12,200	12,400	12,700	- 1.6	- 3.9
Textiles.....	7,900	8,000	7,900	- 1.2	0.0
Apparel.....	11,400	11,400	10,500	0.0	+ 8.6
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,200	6,200	6,500	0.0	- 4.6
Paper.....	9,800	10,000	10,000	- 2.0	- 2.0
Printing & Publishing...	25,500	25,500	24,700	0.0	+ 3.2
Chemicals.....	19,300	19,400	19,200	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plast....	11,900	11,900	12,800*	0.0	- 7.0
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	12,400	12,600	12,300	- 1.6	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing.....	985,800	988,100	973,700*	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Construction.....	42,200	44,300	41,900	- 4.7	+ 0.7
Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....	30,300	30,700	31,400	- 1.3	- 3.5
Communications.....	18,200	18,200	17,900	0.0	+ 1.7
Utilities.....	11,400	11,400	11,000	0.0	+ 3.6
Trade.....	300,200	301,100	296,100	- 0.3	+ 1.4
Wholesale.....	77,700	77,900	75,200	- 0.3	+ 3.3
Retail.....	158,900	160,400	156,100	- 0.9	+ 1.8
Restaurants.....	63,600	62,800	64,800	+ 1.3	- 1.8
Finance & Real Estate...	49,900	50,200	46,500	- 0.6	+ 7.3
Insurance.....	63,700	63,300	61,100	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Service.....	287,100	287,300	281,000*	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Hotels.....	5,500	5,500	5,600	0.0	- 1.8
Laundries & Pers. Serv.	14,000	14,000	14,000	0.0	0.0
Business Services.....	58,500	58,700	56,500	- 0.3	+ 3.5
Health Services.....	100,400	100,800	96,100*	- 0.4	+ 4.5
Law & Professional.....	20,800	20,800	19,900	0.0	+ 4.5
Educational Services...	27,000	26,000	28,300	+ 3.9	- 4.6
Other Services.....	60,900	61,500	60,600	- 1.0	+ 0.5
Government.....	182,800	181,600	186,800	+ 0.7	- 2.1
Federal.....	21,200	21,300	21,200	- 0.5	0.0
State & Local.....	161,600	160,300	165,600	+ 0.8	- 2.4

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$327.62	$327.20	$313.92	40.8	40.9	41.8	$8.03	$8.00	$7.51
Metallic Manufacturing.....	340.31	339.07	326.98	41.2	41.3	42.3	8.26	8.21	7.73
Primary Metals.....	362.02	364.20	355.49	41.9	42.3	43.3	8.64	8.61	8.21
Fabricated Metals.....	308.18	301.35	298.63	41.2	41.0	42.6	7.48	7.35	7.01
Machinery.....	364.98	368.94	353.33	42.0	42.8	43.3	8.69	8.62	8.16
Electrical Equipment.....	271.48	268.53	257.48	40.1	39.9	41.0	6.77	6.73	6.28
Transportation Equipment...	411.41	408.95	378.81	41.1	41.1	41.4	10.01	9.95	9.15
Instruments and Clocks.....	309.64	315.56	299.53	41.9	42.3	43.6	7.39	7.46	6.87
Other Metallic Mfg.....	273.50	275.13	269.28	40.7	40.7	41.3	6.72	6.76	6.52
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	292.30	296.06	279.45	39.5	39.9	40.5	7.40	7.42	6.90
Food.....	297.60	315.47	297.75	40.0	41.4	40.9	7.44	7.62	7.28
Textiles.....	224.85	231.80	225.18	36.8	38.0	40.5	6.11	6.10	5.56
Apparel.....	178.13	180.73	172.62	33.8	34.1	35.3	5.27	5.30	4.89
Lumber & Furniture.....	239.29	238.16	228.63	39.1	39.3	39.9	6.12	6.06	5.73
Paper.....	372.00	372.00	334.93	45.7	45.7	45.2	8.14	8.14	7.41
Printing & Publishing.....	306.38	305.94	284.24	37.5	38.1	37.4	8.17	8.03	7.60
Chemicals.....	381.22	385.81	354.05	41.8	41.8	42.3	9.12	9.23	8.37
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	271.48	274.91	286.21	40.1	39.9	41.6	6.77	6.89	6.88
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	310.72	313.40	296.65	41.1	41.4	42.5	7.56	7.57	6.98
Construction.....	463.83	459.91	477.85	35.9	36.1	39.2	12.92	12.74	12.19

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Feb. 1982 Number	Feb. 1982 Ratio to Labor Force	Jan. 1982 (R) Number	Jan. 1982 (R) Ratio to Labor Force	Feb. 1981 (R) Number	Feb. 1981 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	122,000	7.6	124,200	7.7	104,700	6.7
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(6.8)		(6.5)		(6.1)
Labor Areas — (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	2,100	12.7	2,100	13.0	2,000	11.9
Bridgeport.....	14,100	7.3	16,300	8.4	12,200	6.5
Bristol.....	4,800	13.2	4,800	13.1	3,600	9.8
Danbury.....	6,300	6.6	6,200	6.4	5,900	6.4
Danielson.....	4,100	14.0	3,700	13.0	3,000	10.7
Hartford.....	28,100	7.2	28,100	7.2	22,500	5.9
Meriden.....	3,300	12.1	3,200	11.7	2,700	9.9
Middletown.....	4,200	7.1	4,200	7.2	3,600	6.1
New Britain.....	7,400	9.8	7,200	9.5	5,200	7.0
New Haven.....	15,300	7.7	15,400	7.8	14,100	7.1
New London-Norwich.....	7,500	7.0	7,100	6.6	6,300	6.0
Norwalk.....	3,500	4.7	4,300	5.6	3,900	5.3
Stamford.....	5,300	4.3	5,300	4.3	5,200	4.4
Torrington.....	4,800	11.9	4,800	11.8	4,000	10.0
Waterbury.....	9,800	9.1	10,200	9.4	9,300	8.7
Willimantic.....	1,400	5.4	1,300	5.4	1,200	4.8
U.S. Total-Actual.....	10,378,000	9.6	10,183,000	9.4	8,614,000	8.0
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(8.8)		(8.5)		(7.4)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Feb. '82	Jan. '82	Feb. '81
All Items.....	283.4	282.5	263.2
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 7.7

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Feb.'82	Jan.'82	Feb.'81(R)	Percent Change to Feb.'82 from: Jan.'82	Feb.'81
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,990	8,050	8,200	- 0.7	- 2.6
Manufacturing	2,950	2,950	3,170	0.0	- 6.9
Nonmanufacturing	5,040	5,100	5,030	- 1.2	+ 0.2
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	166,370*	167,720(R)	165,940	- 0.8	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	64,340*	64,850	64,490	- 0.8	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	102,030	102,870(R)	101,450	- 0.8	+ 0.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,410	22,540	23,340	- 0.6	- 4.0
Manufacturing	9,270	9,270	10,380	0.0	- 10.7
Nonmanufacturing	13,140	13,270	12,960	- 1.0	+ 1.4
DANBURY					
Total Nonag Employ.	67,650	68,260	66,260	- 0.9	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	25,090	25,320	25,540	- 0.9	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	42,560	42,940	40,720	- 0.9	+ 4.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	18,960	19,130	19,180	- 0.9	- 1.1
Manufacturing	8,710	8,800	9,060	- 1.0	- 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	10,250	10,330	10,120	- 0.8	+ 1.3
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	391,660	394,430	392,410*	- 0.7	- 0.2
Manufacturing	92,720	93,620	98,810	- 1.0	- 6.2
Nonmanufacturing	298,940	300,810	293,600*	- 0.6	+ 1.8
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,250	21,430	21,630	- 0.8	- 1.8
Manufacturing	5,600	5,420	5,860	+ 3.3	- 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	15,650	16,010	15,770	- 2.3	- 0.8
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,630	44,700(R)	45,570	- 0.2	- 2.1
Manufacturing	15,100	15,400	16,680	- 1.9	- 9.5
Nonmanufacturing	29,530	29,300(R)	28,890	+ 0.8	+ 2.2
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	60,840	61,800	63,140*	- 1.6	- 3.6
Manufacturing	27,550	28,430	29,890*	- 3.1	- 7.8
Nonmanufacturing	33,290	33,370	33,250	- 0.2	+ 0.1
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	185,860*	186,510*	186,460	- 0.3	- 0.3
Manufacturing	40,520*	40,730*	43,100	- 0.5	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	145,340	145,780	143,360	- 0.3	+ 1.4
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	93,130*	94,070*	93,040	- 1.0	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	34,710	35,220	36,120	- 1.4	- 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	58,420*	58,850*	56,920	- 0.7	+ 2.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	63,310	63,620	61,280	- 0.5	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	21,050	21,080	20,600	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	42,260	42,540	40,680	- 0.7	+ 3.9

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Feb.'82	Jan.'82	Feb.'81(R)	Percent Change to Feb.'82 from: Jan.'82	Feb.'81
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	111,000*	111,900	109,610	- 0.8	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	31,930*	32,120	32,410	- 0.6	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	79,070	79,780	77,200	- 0.9	+ 2.4
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	27,760	27,900	28,130	- 0.5	- 1.3
Manufacturing	10,160	10,190	10,710	- 0 3	- 5.1
Nonmanufacturing	17,600	17,710	17,420	- 0.6	+ 1.0
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	86,700	87,510	86,280*	- 0.9	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	31,590	32,000	32,010*	- 1.3	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	55,110	55,510	54,270	- 0.7	+ 1.5
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,050	19,260	20,530	+ 9.3	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	2,780	2,850	2,890	- 2.5	- 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	18,270	16,410	17,640	+ 11.3	+ 3.6

*Excludes workers idled due to labor management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

Area	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1982	Jan. 1982	Feb. 1981
Ansonia	$379.31	$378.45	$339.48	43.8	43.6	41.0	$8.66	$8.68	$8.28
Bridgeport	346.67	333.72	329.13	41.8	41.2	42.8	8.15	8.10	7.69
Bristol	347.88	345.15	338.12	39.0	39.0	39.5	8.92	8.85	8.56
Danbury	314.18	315.13	309.77	42.4	42.7	44.7	7.41	7.38	6.93
Danielson	236.67	244.19	248.84	34.5	35.7	38.7	6.86	6.84	6.43
Hartford	342.10	347.32	336.04	40.2	41.2	41.9	8.51	8.43	8.02
Meriden	296.84	294.89	268.66	41.0	40.9	40.4	7.24	7.21	6.65
Middletown	342.26	344.32	321.91	40.6	40.7	40.8	8.43	8.46	7.89
New Britain	328.85	328.85	326.83	40.8	40.8	42.5	8.06	8.06	7.69
New Haven	308.50	298.76	281.06	39.4	38.5	39.2	7.83	7.76	7.17
New London-Norwich	335.60	342.36	311.95	40.0	41.1	41.1	8.39	8.33	7.59
Norwalk	324.61	335.66	323.90	42.6	44.4	44.8	7.62	7.56	7.23
Stamford	294.12	300.03	287.82	39.8	40.6	41.0	7.39	7.39	7.02
Torrington	238.76	241.00	235.53	39.4	39.9	40.4	6.06	6.04	5.83
Waterbury	272.28	263.87	272.63	40.7	39.8	42.4	6.69	6.63	6.43
Willimantic	246.87	246.41	265.67	39.0	39.3	44.5	6.33	6.27	5.97

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

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	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981						
Jan....	1418.4	1433.2	7433	5402	6.7	6.1
Feb....	1414.7	1435.5	4533	5168	6.7	6.1
Mar....	1422.9	1436.0	4055	5344	6.3	6.0
Apr....	1435.5	1434.5	4644	5210	6.1	6.1
May....	1448.7	1437.7	3941	5355	5.7	6.0
Jun....	1457.8	1437.9	5786	6065	6.1	6.0
Jul....	1432.7	1443.7	8374	5379	6.4	6.0
Aug....	1426.4	1441.8	5877	5830	6.2	6.1
Sep....	1441.3	1438.0	3896	6174	5.6	6.2
Oct....	1441.9	1435.3	4729	6564	5.8	6.4
Nov....	1446.0	1433.8	5751	7042	6.0	6.5
Dec....	1447.1	1428.8	10279	6196	6.4	6.6
1982						
Jan....	1417.7	1432.0	8581	6236	7.7	6.5
Feb....	1409.6	1429.6	5890	6716	7.6	6.8
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	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981							
Jan....		9052	10565	42.1	41.8	119.7	115.1
Feb....		7491	9347	41.8	41.9	119.4	115.4
Mar....		11387	9435	41.8	41.8	120.3	115.2
Apr....	Series	12979	12049	41.5	41.7	119.3	115.7
May....		9161	8845	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....		9387	8104	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.4
Jul....	Under	9219	9015	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.4
Aug....		9888	9130	41.3	41.7	104.7	118.7
Sep....		8120	9430	41.0	41.2	119.3	117.6
Oct....	Revision	8742	8419	41.3	41.3	119.0	116.6
Nov....		8694	10297	41.4	41.0	118.8	114.5
Dec....		8501	8415	41.7	41.0	107.0	112.9
1982							
Jan....		6380	7359	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....		4919	6080	40.8	40.9	115.0	111.2
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April 1982

An increase in Connecticut employment during March and record high hourly earnings, in addition to a seasonal unemployment increase, are reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: The state's economy showed overall employment rising since February by an estimated 4,300 jobs to 1,413,900, with the largest gains in nonmanufacturing (page 2). Construction employment began its seasonal comeback and was up from February, and March 1981. Jobs in trade and service categories also improved over the month and from last year. Manufacturing declined from February with an estimated loss of 2,400 jobs. Employment increases were recorded in 14 labor market areas and declines in two (pages 5 & 6).

Hourly wages of manufacturing production workers rose five cents to a record $8.08 which compared with $7.56 a year ago. Average weekly earnings of $330.47 were up $2.85 from February and $14.46 from March 1981. For a straight-time, 40-hour week, wages increased four cents to $7.81 hourly and $312.40 a week in March, 7.9 percent higher than the same month in 1981 (page 3). Weekly wages of Ansonia area workers were the highest in the state, followed by Hartford, Bristol, Middletown, Bridgeport and New London-Norwich (page 6).

Unemployment: The number of jobless persons declined by 8,500 and the rate from 7.6 to 7.1 percent. When seasonally adjusted, the rate moved from 6.8 to 7 percent in March substantially under comparable national figures of 9.5 and 9 percent, respectively (page 4). Unemployment decreased in 14 labor market areas and was up in two. The highest rates were in Bristol, Danielson and Torrington, Meriden and Ansonia and the lowest for Norwalk, Stamford, Danbury and Middletown labor market areas.

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted economic indicators were mixed in March, with the average workweek remaining stable, increased new car registrations and new claims for unemployment benefits, and lower manufacturing output (page 7).

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Note: A report on federally designated "Labor Surplus Areas" in Connecticut is attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

March 1982

	Mar. 198[illegible]	Feb. 1982	Mar. (R) 1981	% Change Mar. '82 over Feb. '82	% Change Mar. '82 over Mar. '81
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,413,900*	1,409,600*	1,422,900*	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Manufacturing.....	421,400*	423,800*	440,300*	- 0.6	- 4.3
Metallic Manufacturing...	305,200*	307,200*	323,100*	- 0.7	- 5.5
Primary Metals.....	18,500	18,800	19,500*	- 1.6	- 5.1
Fabricated Metals.....	62,800	63,400	65,200	- 1.0	- 3.7
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	54,300	54,300	58,900	0.0	- 7.8
Electrical Equipment....	50,500	50,900	51,400	- 0.8	- 1.8
Transp. Equipment.....	83,800*	84,100*	90,700	- 0.4	- 7.6
Instruments & Clocks....	28,000	28,300	29,600	- 1.1	- 5.4
Other Metallic Mfg.....	7,300	7,400	7,800	- 1.4	- 6.4
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	116,200	116,600	117,200*	- 0.3	- 0.9
Food.....	12,000	12,200	12,500	- 1.6	- 4.0
Textiles.....	7,600	7,900	7,900	- 3.8	- 3.8
Apparel.....	11,400	11,400	10,600	0.0	+ 7.5
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,300	6,200	6,500*	+ 1.6	- 3.1
Paper.....	9,800	9,800	10,200	0.0	- 3.9
Printing & Publishing...	25,600	25,500	24,800	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Chemicals.....	19,300	19,300	19,300	0.0	0.0
Rubber & Misc. Plast....	11,600	11,900	12,900*	- 2.5	- 10.1
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	12,600	12,400	12,500	+ 1.6	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing.....	992,500	985,800	982,600	+ 0.7	+ 1.0
Construction.....	44,300	42,200	44,100	+ 5.0	+ 0.5
Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....	30,700	30,300	31,800	+ 1.3	- 3.5
Communications.....	18,100	18,200	17,900	- 0.6	+ 1.1
Utilities.....	11,400	11,400	11,100	0.0	+ 2.7
Trade.....	301,400	300,200	297,100	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Wholesale.....	78,400	77,700	76,100	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
Retail.....	158,800	158,900	155,800	- 0.1	+ 1.9
Restaurants.....	64,200	63,600	65,200	+ 0.9	- 1.5
Finance & Real Estate...	50,100	49,900	46,900	+ 0.4	+ 6.8
Insurance.....	63,800	63,700	61,300	+ 0.2	+ 4.1
Service.....	289,500	287,100	284,000	+ 0.8	+ 1.9
Hotels.....	5,800	5,500	5,700	+ 5.5	+ 1.8
Laund. & Pers. Serv....	14,100	14,000	14,100	+ 0.7	0.0
Business Services.....	58,500	58,500	56,300	0.0	+ 3.9
Health Services.....	100,200	100,400	96,600	- 0.2	+ 3.7
Law & Professional.....	20,800	20,800	19,900	0.0	+ 4.5
Educational Services...	27,900	27,000	29,400	+ 3.3	- 5.1
Other Services.....	62,200	60,900	62,000	+ 2.1	+ 0.3
Government.....	183,200	182,800	188,400	+ 0.2	- 2.8
Federal.....	21,300	21,200	21,200	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
State & Local.....	161,900	161,600	167,200	+ 0.2	- 3.2

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1981
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$330.47	$327.62	$316.01	40.9	40.8	41.8	$8.08	$8.03	$7.56
Metallic Manufacturing.....	344.86	340.31	328.67	41.4	41.2	42.3	8.33	8.26	7.77
Primary Metals.....	351.85	362.02	352.60	41.2	41.9	43.0	8.54	8.64	8.20
Fabricated Metals.....	314.57	308.18	298.22	41.5	41.2	42.3	7.58	7.48	7.05
Machinery.....	367.95	364.98	355.93	42.1	42.0	43.3	8.74	8.69	8.22
Electrical Equipment.....	275.12	271.48	258.74	40.4	40.1	41.2	6.81	6.77	6.28
Transportation Equipment....	415.74	411.41	384.80	41.0	41.1	41.6	10.14	10.01	9.25
Instruments and Clocks.....	321.32	309.64	295.92	42.9	41.9	43.2	7.49	7.39	6.85
Other Metallic Mfg.....	275.00	273.50	275.57	40.5	40.7	42.2	6.79	6.72	6.53
Nonmetallic Manufacturing....	294.18	292.30	283.27	39.7	39.5	40.7	7.41	7.40	6.96
Food.....	294.03	297.60	288.88	39.1	40.0	39.9	7.52	7.44	7.24
Textiles.....	226.07	224.85	221.82	36.7	36.8	39.4	6.16	6.11	5.63
Apparel.....	185.83	178.13	174.74	34.8	33.8	35.3	5.34	5.27	4.95
Lumber & Furniture.....	245.74	239.29	236.52	39.7	39.1	40.5	6.19	6.12	5.84
Paper.....	367.99	372.00	348.84	45.6	45.7	45.9	8.07	8.14	7.60
Printing & Publishing.....	310.78	306.38	288.78	37.9	37.5	37.7	8.20	8.17	7.66
Chemicals.....	373.27	381.22	361.20	41.2	41.8	43.0	9.06	9.12	8.40
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.....	273.78	271.48	283.32	40.5	40.1	41.3	6.76	6.77	6.86
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	318.59	310.72	300.84	41.7	41.1	43.1	7.64	7.56	6.98
Construction.....	483.59	463.83	462.34	37.0	35.9	38.4	13.07	12.92	12.04

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Mar. 1982 Number	Mar. 1982 Ratio to Labor Force	Feb. 1982(R) Number	Feb. 1982(R) Ratio to Labor Force	Mar. 1981(R) Number	Mar. 1981(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	113,500	7.1	122,000	7.6	99,800	6.3
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.0)		(6.8)		(6.0)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,600	10.0	2,100	12.7	1,800	11.1
Bridgeport.....	13,600	7.0	14,100	7.3	11,200	5.9
Bristol.....	4,500	12.6	4,800	13.2	3,600	9.9
Danbury.....	5,700	5.9	6,300	6.6	5,500	6.0
Danielson.....	3,300	11.6	4,100	14.0	2,700	9.7
Hartford.....	26,000	6.6	28,100	7.2	22,000	5.7
Meriden.....	3,100	11.2	3,300	12.1	2,600	9.7
Middletown.....	3,700	6.3	4,200	7.1	3,200	5.4
New Britain.....	6,400	8.6	7,400	9.8	4,700	6.4
New Haven.....	14,600	7.3	15,300	7.7	14,000	7.0
New London-Norwich.....	6,600	6.2	7,500	7.0	6,000	5.7
Norwalk.....	3,100	4.0	3,500	4.7	4,000	5.4
Stamford.....	4,900	4.0	5,300	4.3	4,700	3.9
Torrington.....	4,700	11.6	4,800	11.9	3,700	9.3
Waterbury.....	10,000	9.2	9,800	9.1	8,600	8.1
Willimantic.....	1,700	6.4	1,400	5.4	1,500	5.6
U.S. Total-Actual.....	10,290,000	9.5	10,378,000	9.6	8,271,000	7.7
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(9.0)		(8.8)		(7.3)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Mar. '82	Feb. '82	Mar. '81
All Items.....	283.1	283.4	265.1
Percent Change From....	xxx	- 0.1	+ 6.8

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Mar.'82	Feb.'82	Mar.'81(R)	Percent Change to March 1982 from: Feb.'82	Mar.'81
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,000	7,990	8,240	+ 0.1	- 2.9
Manufacturing	2,920	2,950	3,180	- 1.4	- 8.5
Nonmanufacturing	5,090	5,040	5,060	+ 1.0	+ 0.6
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	167,520	166,370	167,050	+ 0.7	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	64,220	64,340	64,320	- 0.2	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	103,300	102,030	102,730	+ 1.2	+ 0.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,270	22,410	23,540	- 0.7	- 5.4
Manufacturing	9,020	9,270	10,440	- 2.7	- 13.6
Nonmanufacturing	13,250	13,140	13,100	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	68,390	67,650	66,920	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	25,240	25,090	25,820	+ 0.6	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	43,150	42,560	41,100	+ 1.4	+ 5.0
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	18,900	18,960	19,400	- 0.3	- 2.6
Manufacturing	8,570	8,710	9,190	- 1.6	- 6.7
Nonmanufacturing	10,330	10,250	10,210	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	394,240	391,660	395,840	+ 0.7	- 0.4
Manufacturing	92,290	92,720	98,700	- 0.5	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	301,950	298,940	297,140	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,350	21,250	21,520	+ 0.5	- 0.8
Manufacturing	5,530	5,600	5,780	- 1.3	- 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	15,820	15,650	15,740	+ 1.1	+ 0.5
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,770	44,630	45,910	+ 0.3	- 2.5
Manufacturing	14,910	15,100	16,680	- 1.3	- 10.6
Nonmanufacturing	29,860	29,530	29,230	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	61,210	60,840	63,140*	+ 0.6	- 3.1
Manufacturing	27,460	27,550	29,790*	- 0.3	- 7.8
Nonmanufacturing	33,750	33,290	33,350	+ 1.4	+ 1.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	186,910*	185,860*	188,250	+ 0.6	- 0.7
Manufacturing	40,370*	40,520*	43,190	- 0.4	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	146,540	145,340	145,060	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	93,510*	93,130*	93,540	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Manufacturing	34,540	34,710	36,140	- 0.5	- 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	58,970*	58,420*	57,400	+ 0.9	+ 2.7
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	63,680	63,310	61,740	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	20,960	21,050	20,600	- 0.4	+ 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	42,720	42,260	41,140	+ 1.1	+ 3.8

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Mar.'82	Feb.'82	Mar.'81(R)	Percent Change to March 1982 from: Feb.'82	Mar.'81
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	111,500*	111,000	110,390	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	31,760*	31,930	32,450	- 0.5	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	79,740	79,070	77,940	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	27,800	27,760	28,360	+ 0.1	- 2.0
Manufacturing	10,100	10,160	10,780	- 0.6	- 6.3
Nonmanufacturing	17,700	17,600	17,580	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,020	86,700	86,720	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	31,330	31,590	31,820	- 0.8	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	55,690	55,110	54,900	+ 1.1	+ 1.4
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,180	21,050	20,660	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	2,760	2,780	2,890	- 0.7	- 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	18,420	18,270	17,770	+ 0.8	+ 3.7

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employmentestimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1982	Feb. 1982	Mar. 1981
Ansonia	$382.80	$379.31	$353.22	44.0	43.8	42.1	$8.70	$8.66	$8.39
Bridgeport	342.76	340.67	331.62	41.8	41.8	42.9	8.20	8.15	7.73
Bristol	348.93	347.88	355.83	38.9	39.0	40.9	8.97	8.92	8.70
Danbury	315.88	314.18	307.19	42.4	42.4	44.2	7.45	7.41	6.95
Danielson	246.35	236.67	249.23	35.6	34.5	38.7	6.92	6.86	6.44
Hartford	355.97	342.10	337.74	41.2	40.2	41.8	8.64	8.51	8.08
Meriden	300.03	296.84	278.66	41.1	41.0	41.1	7.30	7.24	6.78
Middletown	343.04	342.26	320.78	40.5	40.6	40.4	8.47	8.43	7.94
New Britain	334.96	328.85	330.07	41.2	40.8	42.7	8.13	8.06	7.73
New Haven	312.04	308.50	286.44	39.7	39.4	39.4	7.86	7.83	7.27
New London-Norwich	335.51	335.60	322.83	39.8	40.0	42.2	8.43	8.39	7.65
Norwalk	331.68	324.61	312.18	43.3	42.6	43.6	7.66	7.62	7.16
Stamford	294.32	294.12	287.29	39.4	39.8	41.1	7.47	7.39	6.99
Torrington	238.73	238.76	245.44	39.2	39.4	42.1	6.09	6.06	5.83
Waterbury	287.86	272.28	267.54	42.9	40.7	42.0	6.71	6.69	6.37
Willimantic	255.20	246.87	268.78	40.0	39.0	44.5	6.38	6.33	6.04

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INCICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981						
Jan....	1418.4	1433.2	7433	5402	6.7	6.1
Feb....	1414.7	1435.5	4533	5168	6.7	6.1
Mar....	1422.9	1436.0	4055	5344	6.3	6.0
Apr....	1435.5	1434.5	4644	5210	6.1	6.1
May....	1448.7	1437.7	3941	5355	5.7	6.0
Jun....	1457.8	1437.9	5786	6065	6.1	6.0
Jul....	1432.7	1443.7	8374	5379	6.4	6.0
Aug....	1426.4	1441.8	5877	5830	6.2	6.1
Sep....	1441.3	1438.0	3896	6174	5.6	6.2
Oct....	1441.9	1435.3	4729	6564	5.8	6.4
Nov....	1446.0	1433.8	5751	7042	6.0	6.5
Dec....	1447.1	1428.8	10279	6196	6.4	6.6
1982						
Jan....	1417.7	1432.0	8581	6236	7.7	6.5
Feb....	1409.6	1429.6	5890	6716	7.6	6.8
Mar....	1413.9	1426.7	5394	7107	7.1	7.0
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981							
Jan....		9052	10565	42.1	41.8	119.7	115.1
Feb....		7491	9347	41.8	41.9	119.4	115.4
Mar....		11387	9435	41.8	41.8	120.3	115.2
Apr....	Series	12979	12049	41.5	41.7	119.3	115.7
May....		9161	8845	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....		9387	8104	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.4
Jul....	Under	9219	9015	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.4
Aug....		9888	9130	41.3	41.7	104.7	118.7
Sep....		8120	9430	41.0	41.2	119.3	117.6
Oct....	Revision	8742	8419	41.3	41.3	119.0	116.6
Nov....		8694	10297	41.4	41.0	118.8	114.5
Dec....		8501	8415	41.7	41.0	107.0	112.9
1982							
Jan....		6380	7359	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....		4919	6080	40.8	40.9	115.0	111.2
Mar....		9368	7698	40.9	40.9	115.3	110.4
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
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NINETEEN CONNECTICUT MUNICIPALITIES LISTED AS LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The U.S. Department of Labor has updated its listing of areas designated as "labor surplus" for the twelve-month period June 1, 1981 through May 31, 1982. Latest additions include the city of Norwich, effective March 1, 1982, and the town of Pomfret, effective April 1, 1982. Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose of this preference is to guide a portion of the government's procurement dollars into areas of most severe economic need. To be included on the annual listing, an area must have had an unemployment rate during the reference period of at least 1.20 times the national average unemployment rate for the same period. A comparison is made using the average of the area's unemployment rate for the two previous calendar years. The national average during the current reference period from January 1979 through December 1980 was 6.6 percent, therefore the qualifying rate for the current listing was 7.9 percent.

Areas can also be classified as labor surplus on the basis of exceptional circumstances as in the cases of Norwich and Pomfret. This permits eligibility criteria to be waived in areas where a sudden, unforeseen rise in unemployment has occurred and is not reflected in the average unemployment during the reference period.

Nineteen Connecticut communities comprise the state's share of the 1,151 labor surplus areas in the nation. In Connecticut, designation is made on a city or town basis. The current list includes:

Ansonia	New Haven	Seymour	Torrington
Bridgeport	Norwich	Sprague	Voluntown
Griswold	Plainfield	Sterling	Waterbury
Killingly	Pomfret	Thomaston	Winchester
Meriden	Putnam	Thompson	